Agreement between Ashok Group of Hotels and M|s. Radisson Hotel

4146. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether th Ashok Group of Hotels (ITDC) entered into an agreement with M|s. Radisson Hotel Corporation of USA in 1990;

(b) if so, who were the persons that represented ITDC and Government Offices for finalising the terms of agreement with M|s. Radisson in 1990;

(c) whether it is a fact that ITDC's tie-up with M|s. Radisson proved to be a costly and losing venture and ultimately the said agreement was terminated during 1991;

(d) what was the justification for the agreement with M|s. Radisson; and

(e) whether any action has been taken against those persons so far who justified the above-mentioned agreement, if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) With the approval of Government of India and Reserve Bank of India, ITDC entered into an agreement with M|s. Radisson Hotel Corporation of USA in 1990.

The expected return could not accrue to ITDC on account of above agreement, due to internal disturbances in the country at that time, Gulf War, Travel Advisory issued by major tourist generating countries advising their citizens not to travel to India, etc.

Commission of Railway safety

4147. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commission of Railway Safety is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for including it under Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism;

(c) whether there is any proposal to transfer it to the Ministry of Railways; and

(d) if so, thed tails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to ensure the independence of working of the Commission of Railway Safety, it was transferred from the Railway Board in 1941 and since then it has been under the administrative control of Department of Civil Aviation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Promotion in the Cadre of Foreman in Air India

4148. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Foreman|Sr. Foreman promoted by Air India in its Airport Service Department, Delhi till 15th July, 1992;

(b) what is the percentage of SC|ST candidates among them;

(c) whether there is any shortfall of SC|ST candidates in the aforementioned cadre; and